

THE MALAYSIA SINGAPORE & BRUNEI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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Message from the President....

Hello Members,

Firstly, thank you for your continuing support by turning up at the monthly potluck dinner. Over 50 attendees consecutively said it all. This is one gathering where five curry dishes could show up for sampling.

We are very happy to welcome new Life Members over the last few months, the latest additions are Director Henry Mo and his wife Luciela. Also, the renewal rates are very encouraging.

That said, the Association is always looking to see what it can provide to the members in return. We have made it known that the Association is a stand-alone organization since 1976. We do not receive government funding. To stay afloat, we have to continue to fund raise. This year, we have paid \$6,772.00 in property taxes

& \$3,600.00 in strata fees plus electric & internet fees. I have given you a sampling of the expenses we have to spend.

Not to be discouraged by what I have written, it is a reality for all organizations. Our Treasurer Miew Leng Teo is the gatekeeper and she keeps track of the club's finances. Rest assured she keeps it in great shape.

Please join us for the Annual Picnic on July 08, 2023. Also, I would like to encourage you to make time to come to the AGM in September. This is your club. It belongs to you.

Have a great summer!

All the very best,
Richard Liew
President 2022-2024



Malaysia's new Consul General Mohd. Afandi Abu Bakar, centre, played host on May 14, 2023 to celebrate Hari Raya Aidilfitri by holding a reception at the Malaysian Consulate in Vancouver, BC.

Four Directors attended the reception. S.K.Chin, Richard Liew, Miew Leng Teo and Stanley Low.

From Richard's desk...

Hello Members and Friends,



I would like to dedicate this editorial column to our current Secretary and Past President Fanny Chua.

She has been involved with MSBCA for a very long time off and on for many years and she continues to do so. A great team player, she genuinely cares about this organization and is emotionally invested in this organization. Not just her, but other Board of Directors and members are passionate about what this organization does and are contributing towards the goals and growth of MSBCA. She wrote to me recently to say *"It's a place where I find fellowship with others sharing the same culture and same interests. Through the ingenuity of Richard Liew and Christopher Chung we have a clubhouse we can call our own and most of our activities are held in the clubhouse"*. She continued to say *"Members are the lifeblood of this Association and one of our goals is to recruit new members into this organization. We also need new blood on the Board of Directors to bring new ideas and new perspective to renew and invigorate the Board. I would certainly encourage members to serve as Directors as most present Directors have been on the Board for many years and would be quite happy to relinquish their roles for new and especially younger members to take over."*

Fanny is from Kuching and had spent some years in Winnipeg, Manitoba with husband Dr. Chua Leong Khoon before settling in Vancouver to continue his practice. They came to Canada in 1979.

She is fluent in Hokkien and is also one of the directors who frequently strayed from the meetings into Hokkien night market type conversations. I am grateful and thankful to have her on the Board. Also, thank you, Fanny, for sharing your splendid thoughts about the Association.

Till then, all the best.

Richard Liew, Newsletter-in-Charge
Olivia De Silva, Assistant Editor



MSBCA Ballroom Dance Classes

Tutor: Bruce – 604-316-5807
Assistant: Jenny – 778-836-9388

Bruce is teaching on Sunday, from 3 pm to 6 pm.

Address: MSBCA, Unit 238, 2680 Shell Road, Richmond, BC

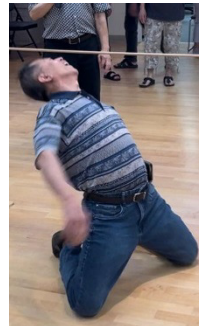
You must be a Member.

Time:
3-4 pm: Beginner Latin
4-5 pm: Beginner Standard
5-6 pm: Intermediate

If you are interested, please register by calling Bruce or Jenny. Thank you.



The five years spent caring for the Phalaenopsis Orchid finally came to full bloom on three spikes for the first time.
By ASTER LIEW



EVENTS TO WATCH.....

Annual Picnic—July 08, 2023

(Above dates are subject to change)

Clubhouse Activities: Monthly Potluck, Weekly Ballroom Classes and Zumba Classes.

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Not very often the adults will take on the Limbo Rock as shown here with the three Directors, Henry Mo, Miew Leng Teo and Stanley Low in their demonstration of the dance. It was all in the spirit of having a fun time. All came away safe and sound.

For more photos of the dinner party at the clubhouse, please visit our Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com>

45th Board Meetings held on April 15th, May 4th and June 07, 2023 at the clubhouse as recorded by Assistant Secretary S.K Chin.

In brief: the minutes included the financial report for rental deposits and expenses. The steady income collected by Henry Mo comprised Desert Stream Church, Ballroom classes and CFA Children's Dance

Academy. Sophia reported that there were some membership renewals.

Clubhouse Maintenance supplies such as hand towels and accessories for potluck dinners were purchased and stocked in the pantry. There were no new big expenses. Ballroom is ongoing with no issue so far. Zumba: an ongoing activity directed by Henry Mo.

MSBCAHQ and MSBCA COM are being maintained and updated. The website is in

good shape as reported by George Yee. S.K Chin reported monthly hit on Facebook as high as 150. Monthly potluck is still happening and will expect a slow-down during the summer months.

NEXT MEETING: June 29 2023, Thursday at the clubhouse at 7.30 pm. This meeting will focus on the upcoming Annual Picnic.

NEW MEMBERS:

MSBCA welcomes the following new members:

Life Members:

Henry Mo & Luciela Wong

Renewed Members:

Josephine Wong

Wing Yin (Aris) Wong,

Gigi Kit Chee Wong

Fiona Lai Man Mak

Janice Thuan Tran Yen



Note from Membership Director: Please "renew" your membership if you have not done so. The Application Form is attached at the back page for you to use.

Snapshots of May 24 and June 24, 2023 Potluck Dinners.

All FuN!!! FooD!!! DancE!!! SinG!!!

Bottom photos: Andrew Gock and Georgina, Cindi Lee and Kim Lee performing a karaoke duet song!



ANNUAL PICNIC

Next event up is the Annual Picnic which will be on **Saturday, July 8th, 2023**. We are working on the details and will make an announcement with the details sometime in June.

Bring your picnic chairs and your friends. The BBQ chicken wings, our favourite will be back. Yes, so will the Char Kway Teow!!

Place: South Arm Community Park, 8680 Williams Road, Richmond, BC.

Time: 11.00 am to 2.00 pm

Articles, Stories, etc.

If you have interesting things to write and share with us, why not submit them for publishing? We love to hear from you anytime.

Web Advertising Rate



Business Card Size: \$25 per issue or \$150 per year with link to your webpage included.

Our Webmaster is Director Mr. George Yee



@MSBCAVANCOUVER

Please inform us by email at msbcahq@gmail.com if you are moving or have moved or have changed your email address. Also, inform us if you like your email address removed from our list.

IMPORTANT: There are members not receiving notices about events, etc. Either their email addresses are out of date or they do not have a computer altogether. Therefore it would be the member's responsibility to notify us as to how we can best communicate with them. Take a minute to send us a note or call any of the directors. Thank you.

Clubhouse Rental Rates (Effective Oct. 01, 2022)

Members —\$25 per hour

Definition: Private use by members for family parties and gatherings; not to be rented for second party use. Renter must be present for that period of time.

Non-Members/Community/Business—\$30 per hour, min.2hrs;

Definition: Non-business type Social Group Meetings, Church Groups, Community Groups. *Members and non-members.*

Definition: Business being conducted such as for dancing lessons, seminars, marketing and sales. *Members and non-members.*

Rates are subject to change without notice.

Audio/Visual Equipment not available.

Capacity: 50 people seated, 90 standing.

Please contact any of the directors for rental.

MEMBERSHIP

Please make your cheque payable to:

**MSBCA
Unit 238-2680 Shell Road,
Richmond, B.C.
V6X 4C9.**

Please call Membership Director for Membership Form or visit our website to print the form.

Annual Membership Fee (effective from date of application for 12 months):

Single/Seniors (60 & over) -

General	\$25.00	Life	\$250.00
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Family (excluding children over 18 years) -

\$30.00	\$300.00
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Corporate Rate: \$200.00 Annually

46th Annual General Meeting

The excerpt of the By-laws regarding Qualifications to be a Director are as follows:

- 6.2 1) There must be ten directors.
- 2) A director has a normal term of office of two years, beginning at the adjournment of the AGM at which the director is elected, and ending at the adjournment of the AGM two years later.
- 3) Five directors must be elected at the AGM each year, so that at its adjournment:
- a) five directors have remaining terms of office of one year, and
- b) five directors have remaining terms of office of two years. A director may be elected to a term of one year so as to comply with this bylaw.
- 4) At the AGM to be held in 2010, all directors then in office cease to be directors, and five directors must be elected for terms of one year, and five directors elected for terms of two years.
- 5) A director, and a candidate for election as a director, must:
- a) be ordinarily resident in British Columbia, and
- b) be qualified to be a director of a company under section 124 of the Business Corporations Act.

6) An election must be by secret ballot, unless the members present unanimously agree that the election be by show of hands, or there is only one candidate for a position, in which case the candidate must be declared to be elected.

7) Where the number of candidates is greater than the number of vacancies, each member present has a number of votes equal to the number of vacancies, and those candidates with the greater number of votes are elected.

8) A director may be re-elected.

The excerpt of the By-laws regarding Proceedings at General Meetings are as follows

- 5.7 1) Questions arising at general meetings must be decided by a majority of votes, except when otherwise required.
- 2) Each member in good standing who is present at a general meeting has the right to vote.
- 3) Voting is by show of hands, except when otherwise required, or when a secret ballot is requested by a majority of members present, by a show of hands.
- 4) Proxy voting is prohibited.
- 5.8 Subject to the Act and these bylaws, a general meeting may adopt rules of order, but if it does not do so, then the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order must be used.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

New/Renewal

Name: _____ Country of Origin (optional): _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Country of Origin (optional): _____

Children's Name (under 18 only): _____, _____, _____

Apt/Unit #: _____ Street Name: _____

City _____, Postal Code _____, Country: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ (Home) (Mobile), Fax: _____ - _____

Email: _____ @ _____ (Important: strictly for MSBCA use only)

Annual Membership Fee (Jan-Dec):

	General	Life	
Single/Seniors (60 & over) -	\$25.00	\$250.00	Cash/Cheque (please circle)

Family (excluding children over 18 years) -	\$30.00	\$300.00	Cash/Cheque (please circle)
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Corporate -	\$200.00	Cash/Cheque (please circle)
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Sponsored By: _____

Official: _____

Date: _____